THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Recruitment of Scientists by CSIR

299. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN : Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new policy for recruitment of Scientists in the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research is under consideration/implementation by Government ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the reservation, if any, for the reserved categories?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY(DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The new Recruitment Rules have already been notified on 11.12.2001. These rules are effective in the matters of assessment promotions from 01.01.2001; and for the purpose of recruitment, from 01.4.2002. Government of India Rules/orders regarding reservation of posts, issued from time to time are applicable to appointments in CSIR.

Science and Technology Policy

300. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO : Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) by when Government are going to formulate new Science and Technology Policy for the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that a draft of such a policy has already been formulated and is awaiting vetting by experts;

(c) whether views have been obtained from cross sections of society, to secure full support from the public ; and

(d) if so, what are the main suggestions which came from the public and others?